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SUBJECT: PRG Meeting to Discuss the Persian Gulf, 6 July 1988

1. The purpose of this PRG meeting was to review the situation in the Gulf with a particular focus on Iranian reactions to the shoot down of the commercial airliner.	25 X 1
2. I provided an intelligence briefing on reports of retaliation using terrorist groups, as well as a general assessment of how the Iranians were playing their responses. Much of the subsequent discussion focused on payment of compensation. There was general agreement at the working level that compensation did not establish our legal responsibility, but was the humanitarian response. I raised two issues in regard to compensation:	
We should not assume that compensation, or that announcement of compensation, will reduce the terrorist threat against US facilities.	
An announcement of compensation has to be carefully planned to make sure it does not immediately precede or follow a terrorist act against US interests by Iranians.	25 X 1
3. There was also discussion about current negotiations with the Iraqis on compensation for the USS STARK. The point was made that we would have to carefully coordinate this activity to make sure there is not a significant difference in the amount paid.	25 X 1
4. We also discussed efforts to end the war. State asked for an intelligence assessment about the likelihood of Iraq recovering all of their territory in the future.	25X1
5. Finally, there was a fair amount of discussion about international organizations involved with commercial airlines or airline pilots and their involvement in the investigation of the Iranian airliner that was shot down. Plans are to try to provide as much information as possible, but there is concern that some old frictions will emerge involving conflicts between	
commercial and military air control procedures.	25X1

Richard J. Kerr Deputy Director for Intelligence



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July 5, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DONALD GREGG
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for National Security Affairs

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Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

RADM. JOSEPH C. STRASSER Executive Assistant to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Policy Review Group Meeting on the Persian Gulf, Wednesday, July 6, 1988, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Situation Room (S)

The Policy Review Group Meeting on the Persian Gulf wilebe held on Wednesday, July 6, 1988, at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Situation Room. (S)

Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Tab A Agenda

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POLICY REVIEW GROUP MEETING
Wednesday, July 6, 1988
Situation Room
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Agenda

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II.	Intellig	ence UpdateCIA	
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	O	Iranian Reaction to Downing of Iran Air 655	(10 minutes)
	0	Iranian Internal Situation	
	•	Ground War: Iraqi and Iranian Sti	rategy
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	O	Status of Investigation of Iran Ai	•
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	0	Deconfliction with Civil Aviation	
,	0	Counter-Terrorist Security Prepara (DOD and State)	ations
IV.	Diplomati	c StrategyState	
	o	International Reaction to Iran Air 655 Incident	(15 minutes)
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	o	Reviving UNSCR 598 Effort	on ·
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VI.	Summary	John	Negroponte
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